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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Louis F. Aprigliano et al.

Serial No. 09/656,017

Filed: Sept. 7, 2000

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING CORROSION

RESISTANT METAL ALLOYS WITH

IMPROVED STRENGTH AND DUCTILITY

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 11, 2001 (Paper No. 6) in the above identified application, amendment is requested as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

TO THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

Rewrite claims 1-3 and 5-8 as follows:

1. In a method of producing a ductile alloy having a base metal by casting a molten stream as a spray of droplets onto a surface; the improvement residing in: selecting a corrosion resisting material as a component forming a high content of the alloy which is exclusively limited to said component and the base metal for deposit onto said surface; and utilizing an inert cover gas for mixing of said component with the base metal and for atomization of the molten stream to endow the ductile alloy with high strength upon said casting thereof onto the surface.

